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SUBJECT: Attack on PLO Representative in N.Y.

1. Embassies should be alert to possible efforts on part fedayeen organizations to demonstrate displeasure with attack on May 22 against Sadat Hassan, PLO representative in N.Y. Hassan apparently attacked by 6 to 8 people and beaten and stabbed. He currently in Bellevue Hospital. Assumption is that culprits were members of Jewish Defense League. Also attacked was M. T. Mehdi, Iraqi national, who heads the Federated Organizations on Arab-American Relations, and his assistant.
2. Since incidents likely to be given considerable publicity in your area, you should as you deem appropriate express regret at these

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